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THIS REPORT SUMMARIZED ALL PERTIENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE
EMBASSY AS OF 1800 JUNE 29.

SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS

1. NO CHANGE SEEN IN HUNGARIAN OBSTRUCTIONISM. TWO CANADIAN ICCS MEMBERS MISSING IN INSECURE AREA, APPARENTLY AT THEIR OWN INSTANCE. ARVN JGS CANCELS MR-2 ULTIMATUM TO BOMB IF VC/ NVA DO NOT DRAW BACK FROM TRUNG NGHIA, BUT PRESIDENT THIEU IN KONTUM SAYS COMMUNISTS WILL SUFFER HEAVY SETBACKS IF THEY CONTINUE VIOLATING AGREEMENT.

2. ACTION CONTINUES RELATIVELY LIGHT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY EXCEPT IN BINH DINH AND KONTUM WHERE ARVN IS BOGGING DOWN IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO RETAKE TRUNG NGHIA.

3. AT 14 TH BILATERAL IN PARIS THE GVNPROPOSES A REWORKING OF ITS MAY 17 PROPOSAL FOR FOUR COMMISSIONS, AS WELL AS ITS PROPOSAL OF APRIL 25 PROVIDING A TIMETABLE FOR PEACE. THE MFA MODERATES ITS STAND ON POSSIBLE INTERVENTION IN CAMBODIA.

PART I- INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON CONTROL AND SUPERVISION (ICCS)

1. WITH REFERENCE TO REPORT ON MISSING ICCS CANADIANS (SEE BELOW UNDER MR 3) CANDEL OPS CENTER REPORTS VNAF SIGHTING OF TWO MISSING CANADIANS MINUS DRIVER TRANSLATOR PROCEEDING IN ICCS JEEP FOUR KMS FROM NEAREST SECURE POINT, BUT NO SUBSEQUENT CONFIRMATION YET RECEIVED OF THEIR SAFETY.

2. THERE WAS SOME EXPECTATION IN ICCS CIRCLES THAT LATEST PARIS NEGOTIATIONS AND SUMMIT MEETING MIGHT RESULT IN RETURN OF AMB ESZTERGALYOS AND GEN SZUCS FROM CONSULTATIONS IN BUDAPEST WITH NEW INSTRUCTIONS REFLECTING FRESH SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE AND GREATER WILLINGNESS TO GET ON WITH ICCS JOB. INITIAL SOUNDINGS BY EMBOFF IN JUNE 28 CONVERSATION WITH HUNGDEL POLITICAL ADVISER BARABAS SUGGEST LITTLE CHANGE IN HUNGDEL ATTITUDES, AND INDICATES HUNGDEL POSITION RE PLENARY IMPASSE REMAINS UNCHANGED, MAINTAINING THAT PRINCIPLE OF UNANIMITY MUST APPLY TO INVESTIGATION PROCESS IF RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION ARE TO BE FORWARDED AS ICCS DOCUMENTS.

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3. IN PLENARY SESSION, THE QUESTION OF GRANTING THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL (DG) OF THE SECRETARIAT FULL SIGNING AUTHORITY FOR ALL CONTRACTS WAS OPPOSED BY HUNGDEL. UNDER THE COMPROMISE ADOPTED; (A) THE SIGNING FOR ALL CONTRACTS IS TRANSFERRED FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (AFC) TO THE DG; (B) THE DG MUST, HOWEVER, GET SIGNING APPROVAL FOR ALL CONTRACTS OVER \$300,000 FROM THE AFC; (C) IF THE AFC CANNOT AGREE ON ANY SPECIFIC CONTRACT OVER \$300,000 THE MATTER MUST BE REFERRED TO THE COMMISSION.

4. HUNGDEL REFUSED TO GO ALONG WITH A FINAL POINT WHICH DIRECTED THE DG TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL MATTER, ADMINISTRATIVE AND ORGANIZATIONAL, AS OUTLINED IN THE OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE ICCS. THIS POINT WAS DROPPED AND WILL BE DISCUSSED MORE

FULLY LATER.

5. AN ICCS HELICOPTER WILL FLY INTO AN LOC TODAY JUNE 29.

6. DESPITE PROMISED MOVE INTO HONG NGU FOR 28 JUNE BY HUNGARIANS, THEY FAILED TO ACT. THE CANADIANS REMAIN THE ONLY ONES THERE. THE POLES AND INDONESIANS HAVE MADE NO DECISION.

7. THE DECISION ON THE MOVE INTO GIO LINH IS STILL IN DISPUTE. THE PRG AUTHORIZED THE BRINGING OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT BUT IS HOLDING OUT ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND THE LIMITATION TO ONE RESUPPLY PER WEEK. A MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 3 JULY TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES.

PART II- TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (TPJMC)

COL NGUYEN VAN KIN OF THE GVN DEL STAFF TOLD AN EMBOFF JUNE 29 THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE " ULTIMATUM" FROM THE GVN IN MR 2 TO THE VC/ NVA TO EVACUATE TRUNG NGHIA OR ELSE THE VNAF WOULD BOMB DUC CO HAD BEEN SOLVED; LTG NGUYEN VAN MANH, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE JGS TOLD MR 2 TO DROP IT. COL KIM CLAIMED THAT THE IDEA OF AN " ULTIMATUM" HAD ORIGINATED WITH MR2 AND WHEN THE ICCS PROTESTED TO THE JMC, THE JGS LEARNED ABOUT IT AND ORDERED IT CANCELLED.

PART III- GVN/ PRG BILATERALS RESUME

1. AT 14 TH PLENARY SESSION OF GVN/ PRG BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
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ON JUNE 28 (QETH PLENARY HAD BEEN HELD MAY 30) GVN REPEATED ITS MAY 17 PROPOSAL (11 TH PLENARY) THAT FOUR COMMISSIONS BE APPOINTED TO STUDY SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT CONCURRENTLY WITH PLENARY SESSIONS , FOUR ASPECTS BEING GUARANTEE OF DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS, FORMATION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD (NCNRC), GENERAL ELECTIONS, AND NVA WITHDRAWAL. GVN ALSO RECAST ITS APRIL 25 PROPOSAL TO MAEK ALLOWANCES FOR THE PASSAGE OF TIME. SCHEDULE FORESEEN BY THIS PROPOSAL WOULD NOW BE AS FOLLOWS: JULY 28- SIGNATURE OF FINAL AGREEMENT, BEGINNING OF NVA WITHDRAWAL, REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS; SEPT 11- FORMATION NCNRC, COMPLETION OF NVA WITHDRAWAL; OCT 26- PROMULGATION OF ELECTION LAW; DEC 26 GENERAL ELECTIONS. THIS CORRESPONDS GENERALLY WITH TIMETABLE ADVANCED APRIL 25 WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES: INTERVAL FOR NVA WITHDRAWAL COMPRESSED FROM 60 TO 45 DAYS; INTERVAL BETWEEN FORMATION NCNRC AND GENERAL ELECTIONS EXPANDED FROM 60 TO 75 DAYS; INTERVAL BETWEEN REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES AND GENERAL ELECTIONS EXPANDED FROM 90 TO 120 DAYS.

2. PRG PRESENTATION CRITICIZED GVN CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS AND PLACED FIRST PRIORITY ON SETTLING MILITARY ISSUES, SECOND ON RETURN OF DETAINEES, AND THIRD SIMULTANEOUS PUBLICATION OF DECREES BY GVN AND PRG TO INCLUDE INTERALIA FREE EXCHANGE OF NEWSPAPERS BETWEEN

ZONES. PRG ALSO PROPOSED 36 MEMBER NCNRC OF THREE EQUAL SEGMENTS, WITH ROTATING CHAIRMAN, TO MONITOR APPLICATION OF CEASEFIRE AND RESTORATION OF FREEDOMS AND ORGANIZE ELECTIONS WHEN PRE-CONDITIONS SATISFACTORILY ACHIEVED.

3. NEXT PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR JULY FOURTH.

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PART IV- CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

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VIETNAM PRESS REPORTS THAT ENDING AT NOON JUNE 28. COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS REACHED A TOTAL OF 17,890 SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT. AS A RESULT, 1,129 CIVILIANS WERE KILLED, 2,984 WOUNDED AND 1,312 ABDUCTED BY THE COMMUNISTS. GOVT FORCES KILLED 24,817 ENEMY TROOPS, SEIZED 227 OTHERS.

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FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 6,470 KILLED, 30,907 WOUNDED AND 1,861 MISSING IN ACTION.

PART V- HANOI AGAIN REJECTS RVN OVERTURE FOR NORTH- SOUTH TIES

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN AS MANY MONTHS HANOI HAS THROWN COLD WATER ON A GVN PROPOSAL TO OPEN TALKS ON NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM. HANOI' S VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY (VNA) IN A JUNE28 DESPATCH LABELED SAIGON' S LATEST BID (SITREP FOR JUNE 27) " A FRAUDULENT AND PERFIDIOUS PLOT AND MANEUVER" AND A " DECEITFUL TRICK" DESIGNED TO DISTRACT PUBLIC OPINION FROM ALLEGED CONTINUED U. S. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM AND FROM THE RVN' S " SERIOUS VIOLATIONS" OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE. COMMENT: HANOI IS CLEARLY EMBARRASSED BY THESE GVN GAMBITS WHICH IS PROBABLY THE PRINCIPAL REASON SAIGON PERSISTS IN THEM. END COMMENT.

PART VI- MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) MODERATES STAND ON POSSIBLE INTERVENTION IN CAMBODIA

POLITICAL DIRECTOR LUONG NHI KY TOLD EMBASSY THAT GVN SPOKESMAN GAVE MISLEADING IMPRESSION OF GVN READINESS TO INTERVENE MILITARILY IN CAMBODIA (SAIGON 11581, SITREP JUNE 27). GVN POSITION IS THAT IT WOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY CAMBODIAN REQUEST FOR GVN MILITARY ASSISTANCE BUT THAT IT HAS NOT YET MADE ANY DECISION TO REACT POSITIVELY. KY FURTHERMORE CONFIRMED THAT GVN HAD TURNED DOWN SEVERAL REQUESTS FOR SUCH MILITARY AID IN THE PAST (SAIGON 11652)

PART VII- MR1

1. COMBAT LEVEL REMAINED LOW DURING THE TWO- DAY REPORTING PERIOD. 4 TH COMPANY, 3 RD BATTALION, 54 TH ARVN REGIMENT HAD SMALL FLURRY OF ACTIVITY JUNE 28 THREE KMS NORTHWEST OF NGUYEN TRAI BASE (YD852008), THUA THIEN. FOLLOWING ARE REGION- WIDE STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD, BROKEN OUT BY THE DAY THEY WERE BRIEFED AT I CORPS HQS:

A) JUNE 28: FIVE CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED. CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 14 KIA, 14 WIA; ENEMY 7 KIA, 7 CAPTURED. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 136 ROUNDS, ALL SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.

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B) JUNE 29; TWO CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED. CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 5 KIA, 12 WIA; ENEMY 7 KIA, 2 RETURNEES. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 367 ROUNDS ALL IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.

2. POLOFF QUANRVGNNAFYA##

HAVE DROPPED TO A DAILY AVERAGE OF TWO DURING THE PAST WEEK. ENEMY

UNITS HAVE ENGAGED IN LIGHT AND SPORADIC HARASSMENT OF OUTLYING GVN OUTPOSTS. FRIENDLY UNITS HAVE CONTINUED TO DIGEST THOSE AREAS OCCUPIED PRIOR TO THE JUNE 15 CEASEFIRE COMMUNIQUE BUT THUS FAR HAVE LAUNCHED NO NEW CAMPAIGNS TO EXPAND GVN CONTROL IN THE LOWLANDS. THE RECENTLY REOPENED ROAD TO MINH LONG IS CLOSED TO MILITARY TRAFFIC. THE DEPUTY SECTOR COMMANDER RECENTLY TOLD THE QUANG NGAI ARRO DIRECTOR THAT DESPITE HIS DISTRUST OF COMMUNIST INTENTIONS, HE IS HOPEFUL THAT THE MILITARY SITUATION CAN NOW BE STABILIZED.

3. GVN GOVT ACTIVITIES : ON MAY 25 QUANG NGAI DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEF FOR ADMINISTRATION, DAO QUANG BINH, PRESIDED OVER THE FORMATION OF A NEW PEOPLE' S COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH " PEOPLE' S INTELLIGENCE". BINH TOLD POLOFF QUANG NGAI THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL RELY PRIMARILY ON THE PROVINCE PSDF APPARATUS AND IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE CITIZENS TO PASS ON THE GVN AGENCIES INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMUNIST POLITICAL AND MILITARY ACTIVITIES. ACCORDING TO POLOFF, THE FORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE HAS PROMPTED EXPRESSIONS OF ALARM FROM OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS.

PART IX- MR2

1. MILITARY ACTIONS REPORTED IN LAST 48 HOURS WERE SCATTERED AND SMALL THROUGHOUT MOST OF MR 2 PROVINCES, BUT IN KONTUM THEY WERE OF INCREASING INTENSITY. OF REGIONAL TOTAL OF 28 INCIDENTS, 16 OCCURRED IN KONTUM, SIX IN BINH DINH, TWO IN PHU YEN AND ONE EACH IN BINH THUANQ DARLAC, KHANH HOA, AND QUANG DUC. REPORTEDLY ENEMY-INITIATED INCIDENTS INCLUDED: NINE GROUND ATTACKS, NINE ATTACKS BY FIRE, AND THREE MININGS; IN ADDITION THERE WERE SEVEN FIREFIGHTS OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN. CASUALTIES: VC/ NVA: 24 KIA; RVNAF: EIGHT KIA, 36 WIA, AND FOUR MISSING IN ACTION. FOUR CIVILIANS WERE KILLED AND 15 WOUNDED WHEN ENEMY SHELLED TWO HAMLETS SOUTHWEST OF KONTUM CITY ON JUNE 28.

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2. IN AREA WEST OF KONTUM CITY, ARVN UNITS ADVANCED TO OUTSKIRTS OF TRUNG NGHIA VILLAGE LAST WEEK, BUT SINCE THEN HAVE MET STIFFENING ENEMY RESISTANCE AND ARE PRESENTLY UNABLE TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS IN SPITE OF MASSIVE EMPLOYMENT OF ARTILLERY AND TACAIR STRIKES. REINFORCING UNITS TO EAST, NORTH AND SOUTH OF TRUNG NGHIA ARE ALSO BOGGED DOWN NOW BECAUSE OF TENACIOUS ENEMY DEFENSE. IN NGOK BAY AREA SEVEN KM NORTH OF TRUNG NGHIA MAJOR RVNAF SETBACK OCCURRED WHEN EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY ENEMY ATTACK BY FIRE AND GROUND ATTACK FORCED RETREAT OF THREE RANGER COMPANIES AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO GAIN COMMANDING HIGH GROUND IN THAT AREA.

3. KONTUM POLOFF REPORTS AT LEAST SIX INCIDENTS OF ENEMY SHELLING OCCURRED JUNE 28 IN ENVIRONS OF CITY. MOST SERIOUS WAS ON OUTSKIRTS OF MARYLOU REFUGEE CAMP SOON AFTER DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT THIEU, RESULTING IN 4 CIVILIANS KILLED AND 8 WOUNDED. (THIEU HAD ARRIVE IN KONTUM CITY ON MORNING OF JUNE 28 FOR BRIEF VISIT. HE RECEIVED COMPLETE MILITARY BRIEFINGS FROM SECTOR AND DIVISION

OFFICERS IN CITY AND THEN DROVE TO MARYLOU CAMP, ABOUT 7 KMS SOUTH OF CITY, TO HAND OUT LAND TITLES TO REFUGEES. HE DEPARTED KONTUM FOR PHU BON IN EARLY AFTERNOON.)

4. ICCS: ACCORDING TO COL CAMPBELL, CANADIAN REGION 4 ICCS CHIEF, ICCS WILL NOT RPT NOT CURTAIL ACTIVITY AS A RESULT OF JUNE 26 INCIDENT IN WHICH ICCS HELICOPTER WAS FIRED UPON WHILE MAKING INVESTIGATION IN BINH TUY.

5. ACCORDING TO VIETNAM PRESS, DURING HIS VISIT TO KONTUM ON JUNE 28 PRESIDENT THIEU SAID THE COMMUNISTS CONTINUED EVADING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR FEAR OF FAILURE THUS CARRYING ON THE VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO HIM, UNLESS THE COMMUNISTS SUCCEED IN CONTROLLING SEVEN OR EIGHT MILLION POPULATION THEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT ELECTION. HE SAID THE COMMUNISTS HAVE STILL INTENDED TO OCCUPY PROVINCES IN THE DEMARCATION
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PART X- MR3

1. DURING 48 HOURS ENDING 0800 JUNE 29, MR 3 G-2 REPORTS EXCEPTIONALLY LIGHT MILITARY ACTIVITY. ELEVEN INCIDENTS WERE RECORDED IN THE FIRST 24 HOUR PERIOD, AND ONLY 5 ABFS IN THE FINAL. RVNAF CASUALTIES FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD WERE ONE KIA, 14 WIA AND SIX CIVILIANS WOUNDED IN THREE SEPARATE MINING ACCIDENTS. CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMUNIST KNOWN LOSSES FOR THE 48 HOURS WERE 8 KILLED, MINE EXPLOSIONS ACCOUNTED FOR SIX OF THE TOTAL RVNAF CASUALTIES.

2. FIVE OF THE INCIDENTS REPORTED WERE IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE WHERE RANGERS CONTINUE ATTEMPT TO CLEAR NATIONAL HIGHWAY 14 BETWEEN DONG XOAI AND JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 311.

3. SITUATION IN PHUOC TUY IS UNCLEAR. MR 3 ON CG LTG MINH TOLD CONGEN JUNE 27 THAT ARVN 18 TH DIVISION CG BG DAO HAD ASSURED HIM SAME DAY THAT ARVN CLEARING OPERATION ALONG INTERPROVINCIAL ROUTE 2 NORTH OF DUC THANH, PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MORNING JUNE 27, WAS IN FACT ON SCHEDULE. BUT PHUOC TUY PROVINCE CHIEF LTC SON TOLD AMERICAN REP MORNING JUNE 28 THAT OPERATION HAS NOT YET STARTED.

4. CANADIAN ICCS XUAN LOC TEAM CHIEF CAPTAIN IAN PATTEN AND HIS DEPUTY CAPTAIN FLETCHER THOMPSON ARE MISSING MORNING JUNE 29. CANDELS WERE LAST SEEN BY ONG QUE PLANTATION WORKERS AT 1630 JUNE 28 AT XT 932000, IN SMALL HAMLET IN PLANTATION IN CAM TAN VILLAGE, XUAN LOC DISTRICT, 11 KM SW OF ICCS TEAM SITE IN XUAN LOC TOWN, TALKING THROUGH THEIR INTERPRETER TO ABOUT 10 PRG ARMED WITH INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS. GVN SECURITY FORCES WHICH HAD TAKEN THEM TO HAMLET, WAITED UNTIL 1800 FOR THEM, THEN RETURNED TO XUAN LOC WITHOUT THEM WHEN THEY DID NOT SHOW UP. CANDEL V SOURCE REPORTS THAT THESE CANADIANS HAD PREVIOUSLY CONTACTED PRG AT THIS LOCATION IN FEB., SHORTLY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN TEAM SITE, AND THAT THIS CONTACT APPARENTLY WAS AT CANDELS' INITIATIVE. THEY WERE NOT CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION, AND WERE UNACCOMPANIED BY OTHER CHIPDELS OR GVN. CANDEL V CHIEF LEARNED OF THIS MATTER EVENING JUNE 28, AND MORNING JUNE 29 HE IS IN XUAN LOC. GVN PROVINCE AND POLICE AUTHORITIES ARE INVESTIGATING, GVN TPJMC LIAISON OFFICER IS ON SCENE, AND PRG LIAISON OFFICER IS REPORTED COMING FROM SAIGON. CANADIAN SOURCE SAID PRESS IS UNAWARE OF INCIDENT THUS FAR.

5. AN LOI REFUGEE CAMP WAS CLOSED DOWN JUNE 27 AS FINAL PAYMENTS WERE MADE TO FEW HUNDRED REFUGEES REMAINING AFTER DEPARTURE OF GREAT BULK OF 11,000 REFUGEES FROM BINH LONG, FOR RESETTLEMENT SITE IN LAM DONG PROVINCE, EARLIER IN JUNE. MOVE TO LAM DONG BEGAN JUNE 2 AND WAS COMPLETED WITHIN TWO WEEKS. BINH LONG MONTAGNARD REFUGEES WERE ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSED TO MOVE TO LAM DONG, BECAUSE THEY RECALLED HARDSHIPS OF THEIR MOVE FROM BINH LONG TO AN LOI, AND BECAUSE THEY FELT IT MADE MORE REMOTE THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFIDENTIAL

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EVER RETURNING TO BINH LONG. RESETTLEMENT, HOWEVER, WAS ONLY SOLUTION CONSISTENT WITH GVN POLICY.

6. CANADIAN ICCS CU CHI DELEGATE, A CAPTAIN RECENTLY TRANSFERRED THERE FROM AN LOC, TOLD CONSUL JUNE 27 THAT PRG HOLDS 6-10,000 CIVILIANS AND MILITARY PRISONERS NEAR AN LOC. PRISONERS WERE SUPPOSEDLY TAKEN DURING LAST YEAR'S EASTER OFFENSIVE IN AN LOC AND PRG HAS THUS FAR REFUSED TO FREE THEM.

PART XI- MR4

1. THE DAILY REPORTED INCIDENT LEVEL IN THE DELTA REMAINED LOW MR IV REPORTED 32 INCIDENTS JUNE 27 AND ONLY 23 INCIDENTS JUNE 28. THERE WERE FOUR GROUND ATTACKS, 17 ATTACKS BY FIRE, SIX HARASSMENTS, THREE TERRORIST ACTS AND TWO ACTS OF SABOTAGE ON JUNE 27. THIS COMPARES WITH TWO GROUND ATTACKS, 16 ATTACKS BY FIRE, ONE HARASSMENT, ONE TERRORIST ACT, TWO INCIDENTS OF SABOTAGE AND ONE INFILTRATION THE FOLLOWING DAY. RVNAF LOST 11 KILLED AND 64 WOUNDED ON JUNE 27 AND 20 KILLED AND 62 WOUNDED THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE VC/ NVA LOSSES WERE KILLED AND TWO CAPTURED JUNE 27, AND 38 KILLED AND ONE CAPTURED ON JUNE 28.

2. THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE IN BA XUYEN HAS DROPPED DRAMATICALLY THE LAST FEW DAYS. THE INTENSE GVN MILITARY ACTIVITY, IN ANTICIPATION OF A VC HIGHPOINT, WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE EARLY DAYS OF CF II IS OVER. GVN OPERATIONS ARE DOWN TO PRE-CF II LEVELS, AND VC-INITIATED INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN AVERAGING ONLY FIVE A DAY. JUNE 28 SAY NO INCIDENTS AND NO CONTACTS REPORTED.

3. 7 TH ARVN DIVISION CG, MG NGUYEN KHOA NAM, TOLD MY THO VICE CONSUL JUNE 22 THAT THE VC DURING CF II ARE AVOIDING CONTACT AND CONCENTRATING ON INFILTRATING SUPPLIES. HE SAID NOTHING OF THE INFILTRATION OF MEN. NAM REPORTED HIS UNITS WERE CONDUCTING DEFENSIVE SECURITY PATROLS AROUND POPULATED AREAS AND TRYING TO INTERDICT THE INFILTRATIONS. (COMMENT: THE GVN DEFENSIVE TACTICS IN DINH TUONG WERE MOST AGGRESSIVE. FOR EXAMPLE, DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 20-24 DINH TUONG SECTOR REPORTED NINE VC " ATTACKS" ON FRIENDLY FORCES BUT THE GVN SUFFERED CASUALTIES IN ONLY TWO OF THESE ATTACKS, WHILE CLAIMING 13 VC DEAD. CF I TYPE COMBAT-- VC HARASSMENTS AND GVN PATROLS TO DENY THE VC ACCESS TO THE POPULATION-- CONTINUES, CONFIDENTIAL

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ALTHOUGH AT A REDUCED RATE.)

4. PHONG DINH POPULAR FORCE UNITS TOOK A BEATING JUNE 28 IN TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS. IN ONE INCIDENT ONLY ONE PF WAS WOUNDED BUT 11 ARE MISSING WITH THEIR WEAPONS, SUGGESTING A SIZEABLE DEFECTION OF PF TO THE VC.

5. THE KHANG HUNG (SOC TRANG) GVN/ JMC CHIEF TOLD THE CANADIAN ICCS DELEGATION HEAD RECENTLY THAT VINH BINH AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT DELIVER, AS EARLIER PROMISED, TWO ALLEGED PARTICIPANTS IN THE MURDER OF THE PROVINCE CHIEF' S WIFE AND CHILDREN JUNE 20. THE GVN HAD SAID IT WOULD MAKE TWOSUSPECTS, WHO ALLEGEDLY CONFESSED TO THEIR PART IN THE MURDER, AVAILABLE TO THE SOC TRANG ICCS TEAM WHICH HAD INVESTIGATED THE INCIDENT. ALL FOUR DELEGATIONS HAD AGREED TO INTERROGATE THE SUSPECTS. ACCORDING TO THE GVN/ JMC CHIEF, THE VINH BINH AUTHORITIES ARE AFRAID THE SUSPECTS WILL RECANT DURING THE INTERROGATION.

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